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SUBJECT:U.S.-ISRAEL CIVIL AVIATION PROTOCOL

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1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY; 8/16/78

BEGIN QUOTE: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER
AND ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ SIGNED A PROTOCOL
TODAY, AMENDING THE U.S.-ISRAEL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT
OF 1950 TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO THE UNITED
STATES FOR ISRAELI AIRLINES, UNRESTRICTED OPPORTUNITIES
FOR AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO OPERATE CHARTER FLIGHTS,
AND COMPETITIVE AIR FARES.

UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT, UNLIMITED RIGHTS FOR CHARTER
FLIGHTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE, SUBJECT ONLY TO CONFORMITY
WITH THE CHARTER RULES OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY
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ORIGINATE. ISRAEL WOULD IMMEDIATELY GET TWO LANDING
POINTS OF ITS CHOOSING FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES IN THE U.S.
IN ADDITION TO NEW YORK. IT WOULD GET ANOTHER TWO POINTS
AFTER ONE YEAR, WHEN A NEW, INNOVATIVE PROVISION ON
SCHEDULED AIR FARES AND CHARTER PRICES GOES INTO EFFECT
REQUIRING THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES BEFORE A TARIFF
MAY BE DISAPPROVED. THIS ARRANGEMENT ON TARIFFS IS THE

FIRST OF ITS KIND AND PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER AIR FARES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND ISRAEL.

DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER DESCRIBED THE PROTOCOL
AS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN U.S. AVIATION POLICY AND
SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED
THAT THIS SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN PARTNER-
SHIP WITH ISRAEL WITH WHICH THE U.S. HAS LONG-STANDING,
CLOSE, AND ENDURING TIES OF FRIENDSHIP. END QUOTE

2. THE SIGNING TOOK PLACE SMOOTHLY AT 3:30 P.M. YESTERDAY.
DOT SECRETARY BROCK ADAMS, SENATORS PERCY AND STONE AND
MANY OTHER NOTABLES WERE IN ATTENDANCE. VANCE

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